

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dempsey Hunter R5399 Kathrine [sic, Catharine Hunter] f17SC

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State of Tennessee Montgomery County: This day being the 7th of November 1843 personally appeared before me Thomas H Batson an acting Justice of the peace for said County Catharine Hunter aged seventy years & being duly sworn deposed, that she was married to Dempsey Hunter in the year 1795 & the same was recorded in her family Bible in Richland District South Carolina where they were married & where her Bible was left when she & her husband removed to the State of Tennessee in 1801 & she has not since seen the same nor does she know whether it is now in existence – that her eldest son John G Hunter now living was born in the year 1797 – that she continued to reside with him as his wife until his death the 2nd day of November 1833 which took place in the County of Montgomery and said State & that she is still his widow – that she knew him when she was a child & know who that he always had the reputation of having been a soldier of the Revolution & she has often heard him talk of his services in the Revolution – of his being in the Campaign at the Battle of Kings Mountain – he was also in the Campaign & at the Siege of Augusta and in the battles of Goose hetchie [sic, Coosawhatchie?] & Julia five [sic, Tullifinny ?], which were skirmishes on creeks of those names, where Colonel Lawrence [sic, John Laurens<sup>1</sup>] was wounded in the hand and that he served in several Campaigns against the Indians – that he claimed to have been in the service the better part of seven years including his campaigns against the Indians & that she verily believes he actually served two years – that he was a cripple for the last 15 years of his life and had his papers prepared and placed in the hands of Governor Willie Blount's but she has not heard of them since.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this seventh day of November 1843

S/ T. H. Batson, JP

S/ Kathrine Hunter

*Kathrine Hunter*

State of Tennessee Davidson County: Personally appeared this day David Hunter (before me William H Hamblen a justice of the peace for said County) and made oath that he was present and witnessed the rights [sic] of matrimony between Dempsey Hunter & Katharine Foose on or about the 14th day of December 1793 said Katharine being the second wife of said Dempsey Hunter, the marriage took place in Richland district in the State of South Carolina & they lived together as man & wife up to the death of said Dempsey Hunter. The said Dempsey Hunter was

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<sup>1</sup> Col. John Laurens was wounded at Coosawhatchie/ Tullifinny Hill on May 4, 1779 in a skirmishes with British forces led by MG Augustine Prevost and Lt. Col. Maitland.

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/coosawhatchieriver.htm> & <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/tullifinnyhill.htm>

always reputed as a revolutionary soldier. I heard said D. Hunter say that he served three years; but do not recollect the campaigns. I have heard him say that he was in the battle of Kings Mountain & that Col. Sevier commanded the Regiment, have no knowledge of the under officers. My understanding from him was that his services was always voluntary, & mounted.

S/ David Hunter, X his mark

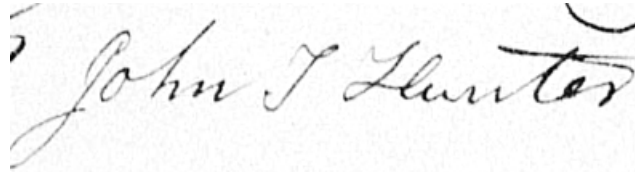
Sworn to and subscribed before me the 20th of December 1843 and his oath is entitled to full credit. I have known him for upwards of 30 years.

S/ Wm H. Hamblen, JP

State of Tennessee Davidson County: This day personally appeared John T Hunter before me Josiah Ferriss an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath, that according to the family Register of Demsey [sic] Hunter his father, he the said John T Hunter was born on the 14th day of May 1797 – and that Catharine Hunter always lived with and was esteemed the wife of Demsey Hunter from his earliest recollection, that his Father Demsey Hunter was always reputed a Revolutionary Soldier and that he Demsey Hunter died in the year 1833. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of December 1843.

S/ Josiah Ferriss, JP

S/ John T Hunter

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John T Hunter". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of Tennessee Robertson County: This day personally appeared Conrad Coon<sup>2</sup> before me John Forbes one of the acting justices of the peace for said County and made oath in due form of law who saith that he was acquainted with Dempsey Hunter ever since he was a boy, and to his being a soldier in the old Revolutionary War, there is no doubt upon my mind as to that, but it so happened that I never did serve in a Campaign with him, but have heard of his being in several campaigns, this was in the State of South Carolina, he was at the Siege of Savannah in Georgia and at the Battle of Orangeburg in South Carolina and I also heard he was at Battle of Kings Mountain but as to my own knowledge of it I cannot say any further.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this sixth day of August 1841.

S/ John Forbes, JP

S/ Conrad Coon, X his mark

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<sup>2</sup> Conrad Coon FPA S3177